

COPPERMINE REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST) In-Person or Teleconference
MINUTES
Join by Phone (US) +1 585-491-8747 **PIN # 630 069 936#**

- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:45pm.
- II. Invocation by Helena Nez Begay.
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda
Motion: Valerie Fowler Second: Laura Johnson Vote: 12 / 00 / 03
Lola read the agenda to the community.
Correction: Native Promise Meeting is April 24, 2023 at Gap Elementary School at 10am (DST)
Victoria – waterline extension to home
Allen – can present during old business
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Allen – post minutes at administration building
Motion: Linda Long Second: Paul Whitehat Vote: 14 / 00 / 04
- V. Old Business:
Victoria – request for waterline extension, have to haul water
Paul – she is an elderly, need inhouse water,
Allen – waterline is suppose to come from Kaibeto waterline but Kaibeto is against it.
Victoria – don't have anyone to haul water, I have paul to haul water but he needs to go back to work
Allen – need to work on using the pipeline to give water to south Coppermine and we have our delegate here
Esther T – my sister edith cling just got power and she needs water, why can't we get water from nearby, who is the CSC, need to get resolution, need to get these for elderlies

Helena – I have to haul water as well. The pipeline at south Coppermine, there is going to be installed tank and water will be taking to gap, cedar ridge, and Cameron; there will be another tank to be used by the south Coppermine, so need to hang on little longer and waterline will be coming for FBFA, had meeting with pipeline and they showed me map
Allen – please provide that information to chapter and the waterline information is needed for clup manual

Alice – chapter meeting during the day, it was very cold in the meeting, stated someone use the chapter and kept door the open throughout the weekend and used all the propone. I read the minutes and stated how to discipline the students so need to same to the adults to deposit then will receive the deposit at the end. We need to take care of our chapter house.

VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and Update Report

Valerie – provide the financial information to the community and below is the information.

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	31-Dec-22	Difference	31-Jan-23	Difference	28-Feb-23	Difference	31-Mar-23
01	General Activity Fund	27,034.25	-	27,034.25	296.04	27,330.29	379.90	27,710.19
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	20,006.29	(1,511.05)	18,495.24	(2,917.58)	15,577.66	(2,449.33)	13,128.33
08	Summer Youth Employment	18,625.04	(2,906.56)	15,718.48	-	15,718.48	-	15,718.48
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-	19,505.46	-	19,505.46	-	19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	22,149.00	-	22,149.00	-	22,149.00	(405.67)	21,743.33
12	Chapter Official Stipend	43,914.98	(3,000.00)	40,914.98	(2,500.00)	38,414.98	(3,547.70)	34,867.28
13	Scholarship/General Fund	18,850.00	(2,500.00)	16,350.00	(1,000.00)	15,350.00	-	15,350.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	1,704.00	-	1,704.00	-	1,704.00	-	1,704.00
15	Public Employment Project	129,902.08	(3,255.35)	126,646.73	(3,776.62)	122,870.11	(3,213.23)	119,656.88
16	Veterans	4,660.37	-	4,660.37	-	4,660.37	-	4,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	-	-	-	23,694.60	23,694.60	-	23,694.60
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	172,286.77	-	172,286.77	(4,070.94)	168,215.83	-	168,215.83
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-	272,697.28	-	272,697.28	-	272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	95,418.55	-	95,418.55	-	95,418.55	-	95,418.55
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-	5.48	-	5.48	-	5.48
	Total	846,759.55		833,586.59		843,312.09		834,076.06

Bank Statement for March 2023	
Beginning Balance	\$857,934.43
Deposits	\$404.15
Checks Processed	\$12,345.09
Ending Balance	\$845,993.49

Prepared/Submitted by Valerie Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Jerry Tsinnijinnie

Vote: 14 / 00 / 04

2. Resolution CO-04-020-23: Authorization for Homes to Participate as Beneficiaries of Navajo Power Home RECP Solar Services Program. Sponsor: Jerry Williams

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community

Jerry – was ask to help with solar services for homes, working with coalmine, tuba city, Cameron, kaibeto, gap, and working with choice humanitarian as well. Elders, disable, medical condition, family with children, which grant for 9.9 million from usda. We need to collect names for this project. Navajo power will do the work. We can apply for the funds and need to collect the names. We will be doing home visit. When filling grant, \$450,000. Payment is \$12 monthly. Warranty. NPL will also be considered for assistance.

Navajo power home .com

Contact number for jerry Williams is 928-380-8715 or 928-612-0188

Linda – solar for home, connection, lifetime of that equipment you mention is 2years, replacement for free you have stated, the whole setup is too much for people for the traditional people, if the powerline goes near their home then they go toward powerline, several years ago which people received solar panels and now its junk, who takes care of the equipment that is outdated,

Jerry – aged solar panel, we can put solar panel in the same location, sacred wind have placed those solar panel, can do nothing about it, 10 years to oversee the solar panel, mostly batteries is the issue for the solar panels that are at people’s home, we can’t look into the solar panels because there keys, most price for batteries is \$6000 to \$7000. Now NTUA have called. Electric bill is \$490 which is high so people are requesting solar panel. NGS and Peabody Coal use to cover cost of commercial rate, so its cause of the rate increase with NTUA. NTUA is now going to

disconnect electric and ntua wasn't disconnecting due to the virus but will start disconnecting. The cost is high for electric bill.

Linda – I am glad you are doing this for individual homes. Coppermine isn't about solar fields. You can educate homeowners. No junk pile up.

Jerry – elderlies, family with children, etc. old appliance taking a lot of power and is tripping the electric.

Allen -

Jerry – 12 kilowatts a day

Allen – solar power usage, when sun is out you can use as much power as you want, but once sun is gone then you have to conserve energy through the night, also during winter when snow gets on the solar and freeze there

Esther T – will they train us, need the physical

Allen – can you teach the people on how to use the power

Esther – who does it belong to

Allen – its not ntua, there is warranty, if battery goes bad then there is warranty, warranty is for 10 years which is good since battery is expensive,

Motion:

Second: Jerry Tsinnijinnie

Vote:

3. Resolution CO-04-021-23: Approving Budget Revision to Fund 15 (PEP Fund) to hire Two (2) Home Assessor for the Community of Coppermine Chapter Area in the Amount of \$4,612.00 to be Transferred from Programs and Projects Specialist Budget of \$33,486.00. Sponsor: Valerie Fowler

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community.

Valerie – working with choice humanitarian to do home assessments for homes in south and have prepared budget to hire 2 home assessors to complete home assessments for Coppermine for FBFA and non-FBFA. The budget is:

Two Home Assessor x \$13.00 x 160 hours = 4160.00

SUTA: \$4160 x 2.41% = \$100.00

Insurance: \$4160 x 0.80/100 = \$34.00

Medicare: \$4160 x 1.45% = \$60.00

Fica: \$4160 x 6.2% = \$258.00

Total: \$4612.00

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 13 / 00 / 06

VII. Reports and Presentations:

1. Navajo Power Home (off grid solar) - Jerry Williams – already provide an update report

2. TCRHCC – Lelia McCabe – provided an update report

Susie – behavioral health, does IHS have the program

Lelia – there is trailer where there is medical health and counseling, not sure what program does

3. TCRHCC Radiation Exposure – Natasha Begay – NOT PRESENT

4. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair

5. Western Regional Business Development Office – Edbert Little – division of economic development, introduce himself, fill out application, land withdrawal, consent from permit holder, consent from grazing official, then document is given at chapter for approval, Navajo land department need chapter resolution for economic development, or anything, etc. not

industrial development. Arch clearance, biological clearance, fish and wildlife clearance.
Document can be sent to RBDO or Land Dept.

Allen – anybody want to do business how long does it take from start to finish

Edbert – document at land dept which some packages are sitting there for 10 years. There are 800 applications. They are missing clearances and land consent from permit holders and grazing.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Reports

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – my LDA is traveling to twin arrows, we are having meeting tomorrow with DES. Tomorrow home site visit from Navajo hopi land commission to visit the 3 homes. There is another individual RJReid which can be double dipping
Valerie – that is Navajo housing authority – FBFA.
Helena - Working on FRF. Headstart issues. Met with Buu and provides issues for chapters. We are getting things ready for council session. Met with page police to get assistance to provide assistance to Navajo police. Many legislations. I co-sponsor this. The FRF will be in front of council. Once the council approve it then goes across. Reach out to garret silversmith on roads. I get the most important things across and lack in some areas. There was angry at the last meeting and I travel by myself. You don't what the other person is thinking and bothers me. I don't want that negative. Even though negative I still came. I can only come to planning or chapter meeting. HESE meeting may change to Monday so can attend RDC meeting. My LDA provides report.

Lola – yes be careful. ARPA projects. When are you taking to RDC.

Helena – already went through RDC

Alice – home is for resident in Coppermine only, I reside in Page

Helena – the report I stated is for NHA for FBFA

Esther – say thank. I was threatened with gun at the house. Is it true, be very careful.

Lola – police patrol, maybe drug activity

Helena – Michael Anderson, he is executive director for public safety, he is aware of these things, I bring that to his attention

Allen – police jurisdiction, we don't have resolution,

Helena – we don't have enough Navajo police,

Allen – why don't we get more Navajo police

Helena – its in the works,

Allen – jurisdiction its provide funding

Lola – we are under Coconino County, when are we going to use Coconino funds, we don't see Coconino County funds

Allen – we have treaty, do we have treaty with the state

Helena – I heard of drugs coming in by airplane

Little – funds available through ARPA, need to put homes out here,

Lola – we are getting clinic so we want safety building

Helena – lechee is getting safety building but only for their community

Rose J – group of men holding gun, my son went to over there, they had shot eagles,

Stanford – we are lacking rangers and enforcement, verbal abuse, when you take oath and a lot of stuff come at you, grazing permit holders some like to overgraze,

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – provide update report on chapter personnel training at twin arrows az

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – provide update report on native promise meeting set for April 24 2023 at 11am at gap school or chapter, need to put homes together like clan pods, housing development the power will come together easier, when we have scattered homes then your destroying

Alice – cemetery site

Lola – I was looking my paperwork, I saw resolution approved back in 2021, there are 2 burials off the road and it will be close to there,

Esther – lease who does

Allen – same process as homesite lease

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – provide report during Helena report
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long

IX. Announcement:

1. Next Planning Meeting – May 08, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST)
2. Next Chapter Meeting – May 15, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST)
3. District Agency Grazing Committee Meeting – April 13, 2023 @ 1 PM (DST) Location TBA
4. Western Agency Grazing Committee Meeting – April 17, 2023 9 AM (DST) virtual
5. St. Mary's Food Bank – April 18, 2023 @ 1 (DST)
6. Veterans Meeting April 20, 2023 @ 5 PM (MST)
7. Native Promise Meeting April 22, 2023 @ 10 AM (DST) tentative
8. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic at Monkey Ridge April 26, 2023 @ 8:45 AM – 3 PM (DST)
9. Community Trash Day – April 26, 2023 9 AM (DST)
10. Next CLUPC Meeting TBA
11. Job Openings- Community Service Coordinator & Accounts Maintenance Specialist on NN Website

- X. Adjournment at 750pm. Motion Stanford Fowler. Second Jay Tsinnijinnie

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer